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MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

FLAT ROCK, FRANKLIN CO., N. C.,

OCTOBER 6th, 1864.

RALEIGH:

BIBLICAL RECORDER BOOK AND JOB PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.

1865.

PROCEEDINGS.

FLAT ROCK CHURCH, Franklin County, N. C.,
October 6th, 1864.

The delegates composing the Central Baptist Association met to-day at 11 o'clock. Elder W. M. Wingate preached the introductory sermon.

After an intermission of an hour the delegates were called to order by the former Moderator, Brother S. S. Biddle. Prayer by Elder T. H. Pritchard.

The list of churches was called, letters read and delegates enrolled as follows:

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	R. by letter	Restored.	Dismissed	Excom'd.	Died.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.
Brassfields...	S. H. Cannady, J. J. Moore, J. T. McGhee, W. H. Cannady, N. E. Cannady, ...	14			2	1	2	145	32	177
Flat Rock,...	W. Freeman, A. S Gill, J. T. Timberlake, B. H Timberlake L. Perry,	14	4		2	3	5	191	93	284
Forestville,..	Job Carver, S. H. Dunn, J. McD. Carver, W. D. Smith, P. A. Dunn,	9	3		4	2	2	46	11	57
Franklinton,.	W. M. Wingate, S. D. Beves, W. H. Mitchell, J. A. Ellis, A. D. Ellis,	18	2		2			27	34	61
Mt. Vernon,..	J. H. Bell. J. W. Wadford, L. C. Dunn, John Dunn, E E. Gill, ...	34		1	3	1	7	127	52	179
New Hope,..	Robert Trawick, R J Ivey, H. Buffalce, R. M. Jones, ...	36	3			1		84	42	126
Wake Forest,	W. M Wingate, W. T. Brooks, W. T. Walters, S. Wait, A F. Purefoy, S. S. Biddle, W. Royall, ...	33	3	3			3	85	36	121
Raleigh,.....	T. H. Pritchard, W. J. Palmer, J. Armstrong, Jno. Nichols, M. B. Royster, and J. D. Hurham.	74		25	6	11		256	252	508

The Association then proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year. Bro. S. S. Biddle was elected Moderator and W. J. Palmer, Clerk. The Clerk being absent, W. H. Mitchell was requested to act as Clerk, *pro tem.*

Bro. S. H. Dunn was elected Treasurer.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren to take seats in the Association, which was accepted by Elder H. Petty, of the Tar River Association and Elder J. W. Potter, of the Pamlico Association.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

On Finance—S. D. Beves, S. H. Cannady and R. H. Timberlake.

On Religious Exercises—The Pastor and Deacons of the church and Elder W T. Brooks.

On Periodicals—Elder T. H. Pritchard, brethren R. Trawick and A. M. Lewis.

On Religious Instruction of Colored Population—Elders Wingate, Royall and Walters.

To Select Preachers for next Association—Brethren S. H. Cannady, J. Carver and P. A. Dunn.

Time and Place for holding next Association—Brethren J. H. Bell, W. H. Mitchell and J. J. Moore

On Relig ous condition of the Churches—Elders Brooks, and Pritchard and brother Beves.

On Colportage—Elders Pritchard and Royall.

On motion, the appointment of Committee on circular letter was stricken from the order of business.

On motion, a Committee was appointed to consider the recommendations of the Raleigh church, as contained in their letter. Brethren A. S. Gill, S. D. Beves and P. A. Dunn were appointed on said committee.

On motion, the same hours for meeting and adjourning were adopted as at the last Association.

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, Oct. 7th, 1864.

The Association met at the appointed hour and was opened with singing and prayer by Elder W. M. Wingate.

Proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion of Elder Pritchard, the constitution and rules of decorum were read.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren to take seats in the Association. Invitation accepted by bro. C. J. Egerton of the Tar River Association.

Report of Executive Board was called for and read.

On motion of Elder Walters, the motion to appoint a Finance Committee was reconsidered, and on motion of Elder Wingate, the 8th Article in the order of business was stricken out.

On motion of brother A. M. Lewis, the report of the Executive Board was recommitted for completion.

On motion of Elder Wingate, a committee of three was appointed to nominate Executive Board. Elder Walters, brethren Lewis and Trawick appoin ed on said committee.—Committee reported W. T. Brooks, S. D. Beves, J. H. Bell, J. W. Fort and A. F. Pureloy, as Executive Board.

The report of corresponding delegates was called for.

The following corresponding messengers were appointed:

CORRESPONDING DELEGATES.

To Raleigh Association—Elders W. T. Walters, J. D. Hufham and brother S. H. Dunn.

Tar River Association—Elders W. T. Brooks and Wm. Royal.

Flat River—Elders T. H. Pritchard and W. M. Wingate.

Bulah Association—Bro. W. J. Palmer and Elder J. D. Hufham.

Sandy Creek—Elders J. K. Howell, W. T. Brooks and J. D. Hufham.

Union Association—Elders W. M. Wingate, J. D. Hufham and T. H. Pritchard.

On motion of Elder Walters, it was resolved that any member of this Association who may be present at a sister Association, shall be considered a delegate.

Report of the Committee on the religious condition of the churches was read, and on motion was received.

REPORT

Your committee on the religious state of the churches beg leave to report, that from all they have been able to gather from the letters of the churches, they are in a more prosperous condition than in former years. All the churches in connection with the Association, some the past and others the present year, have enjoyed refreshing seasons from the presence of the Lord—and many valuable accessions have been made to their number. Some of the revivals which we have witnessed, during the past and the present year, have been

confined mostly to the young. This ingathering of the precious youth into the fold of Christ, has been owing in a great degree, to the establishment of Sabbath Schools in connection with the several churches. Your committee are happy to be able to state that every church, composing this Association, keeps up a regular Sabbath School a part or the whole of the year. Another improvement which the committee would notice, is a more systematic plan adopted by the churches for raising funds to meet the demands of the several benevolent objects which we seek to promote. We allude to the custom which our churches have adopted during the past year, of making quarterly instead of annual contributions to benevolent objects. A resolution was passed at our last session recommending this plan to the churches, to which they have cordially and generously responded.

We hope to notice, before the close of the present session, another improvement in all the churches, and that is an increase of funds to meet the pressing demands made upon them for Army Colportage and other objects. We have much to encourage us in our labors to promote the interests of Christ's kingdom. Let us, therefore, the coming year, "attempt great things for God and expect great things from God"

In conclusion, your committee would take the liberty of appending the resolution passed at our last Association.

Resolved. That the churches of this Association be requested to take up a collection for the different objects of christian benevolence at each meeting next preceding the several Union Meetings of the Associational year, and forward the same to the Executive Board,

W. T. BROOKS, Chm'n.

The hour for closing having arrived, the Association adjourned until 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met.

The report of the committee on the religious condition of the churches was again taken up, and after some amendments was adopted.

Committe on Periodicals was read, and on motion was received, and after some interesting remarks was laid on the table for the present.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The Committee on Periodicals beg leave to recommend the Biblical Recorder as eminently worthy of the patronage of the denomination, and earnestly urge the Pastors and Churches composing this Association to take steps greatly to increase its circulation.

The Child's Index, published in Macon Ga., edited by the Rev. Samuel Boykin, is commended as a most efficient auxiliary in promoting the interests of Sabbath Schools.

T. H. PRITCHARD, Ch'm'n.
R. TRAWICK.
A. M. LEWIS.

The committee on time and place for next Association reported Franklinton the place, and Tuesday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1865, the time which was adopted.

Committee on recommendations of the Raleigh church made their report which was read and debated at some length and then re-committed to the committee.

REPORT.

The Committeee to whom was referred the consideration of the recommendation made in the letter from the Raleigh church, would report the following. Your committee are decidedly of the opinion that it is the duty of every church to make ample provision through her Deacons, for the relief and necessities of her poor. We would, therefore, recommend to all the churches composing this Association, that they see to it that their poor members are provided for——. As touching the suggestion in regard to the salary of Pastors, the committee would advise the churches, when practicable, and when desired by Pastors, to pay their salaries in provisions and not in money.

Respectfully submitted,
A. S. GILL, Ch'm'n.

On motion, the Association adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow. Prayer by Elder H. Petty.

SATURDAY MORNING 10 O'CLOCK.

The Association met at the appointed hour and was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Walters.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved, and the list of delegates called.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Franklinton—W. M. Wingate, S. D. Beves, Wm. H. Mitchell, J. A. Ellis and A. D. Ellis.

Flat Rock—Wm. Freeman, A. S. Gill, J. P. Timberlake, R. H. Timberlake and L. Perry.

Brassfields—S. H. Cannady, Jas. J. Moore, John Y. McGehee, W. H. Cannady and N. E. Cannady.

Wake Forest—S. S. Biddle, John Biddle, W. M. Wingate, W. T. Brooks, W. T. Walters and Wm. Royall.

Forestville—P. A. Dunn, Job Carver, S. H. Dunn, John McD. Carver, W. B Smith.

New Hope—Robert Trawick, R. J. Ivey, H W. Buffaloe, R. M. Jones and B. B. Buffaloe.

Mt. Vernon—J. H. Bell, J. W. Wadford, L. C. Dunn, Jno. Dunn, and E. E. Gill.

Raleigh—Thos. H. Pritchard, Willie J. Palmer, John Armstrong, John Nichols, Madison B. Royster and A. M. Lewis.

An invitation was given to visiting brethren to take seats in the Association which was accepted by Bro. Isaac Winston of the Raleigh Association, brethren Guilford Lewis and R. Harper of the Tar River Association.

On motion of Elder Walters, a committee of three was appointed to revise and amend the Constitution and Rules of Decorum. Elders Thos. H. Pritchard, J. D. Hufham and bro. W. J. Palmer, were ppointed on said committee.

The committee to select Preachers for the next Association reported for the introductory sermon,

Elder Wm. Royall; Alternate Elder W. T. Walters; Missionary sermon, Elder Thomas H. Pritchard; Alternate, Elder W. T. Brooks.

The report of the committee on the recommendation of the Raleigh church was received and adopted.

The report of the committee on the religious instruction of our colored population was read and received and after interesting remarks was adopted.

The report of Executive Board was read and laid on the table for the present.

The report on periodicals was taken up and adopted.

The following resolution was adopted by the Association:

Resolved, That we highly commend and appreciate the efforts of the Editor of the Biblical Recorder, to sustain the paper as the organ of the

Demomination, and further, that we will cordially approve its publication on a half sheet with such increase in price as may be necessary.

On motion, the Association adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met and was called to order by the Moderator.

The committee on Army Colportage read their report which was received and adopted. During the discussion of which, a liberal contribution was made.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ARMY COLPORTAGE.

The committee on Army Colportage report: that this subject still claims the earnest consideration of our churches, and becomes more interesting as the war progresses. The benefit resulting from the labors bestowed upon our soldiers by the Colporteur are results of a system inaugurated with fear and trembling, which triumphantly vindicate the wisdom of its originators. We are not left to conjecture as to the probable good or evil attending it, but stand upon the solid ground of an experience of more than three years—which experience proves beyond a doubt that the tract in the hand of the faithful Colpoeteur is God's chosen instrumentality for effecting the salvation of the souls of our brave defenders. When therefore we labor or contribute of our substance to send the missionary to the army with books, papers and tracts, we are confident that we are conforming to the will of God, and judging from the past expect a blessing in the future. And strengthened in our purposes of good by the manifest tokens of God's favor we engage in this enterprise with greater zeal and renewed diligence.

But it is occasion of deep regret to all who are acquainted with the facts in the case, that our churches have not come up to the full measure of responsibility incurred by their relations to the world and to our soldiers in particular—a responsibility which God invites us to assume by so evidently blessing us when we assume it but partially Much as has been done in this cause, more, far more may be and ought to be done. The Secretary of our Board of Colportage has shown that the Baptists of North Carolina are doing much less than the brethren of other States are doing—that by two States at least in our Confederacy, we have been left almost hopelessly in the rear.—This ought not so to be. We have as deep an interest at stake as

any others, and God has blessed us with at least equal power to guard this interest. Surely the 60,000 Baptists of North Carolina have resources sufficient for multiplying laborers in this department of christian efforts tenfold.

Brethren, we take the liberty of exhorting you to greater liberality and increased zeal in promoting this great cause. Our suffering countrymen in arms—thousands of them without the knowledge of God require more at our hands, and God demands of his people that they help on his work with their "might."

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. PRITCHARD,
WM. ROYALL,

The committee on Sabbath Schools read their report, which was received and Bro. Pritchard moved that the collection on Sabbath be appropriated to the Sunday School and Publication Board.

Sabbath School Committee was continued, brethren Palmer, Reves, Purefoy, Justice and Cannady, compose the committee.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to have 250 copies of the Minutes printed and that $50 be allowed him for his services.

A motion of thanks to Moderator and Clerk was adopted.

A motion of thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of the vicinity of Flat Rock, for their kind hospitalities extended to delegates and visitors was adopted.

After a brief address by the Moderator the Association adjourned with singing and prayer by Elder Brooks.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to make the following report. That while they have been unable to visit the different churches within the bounds of the Association during the present year, they have learned with pleasure that the cause was never in a more prosperous condition. Each church has a Sunday School in operation, and the following table will show their condition.

NAMES.	NO. SCHOLARS.	NO. TEACHERS.	SUPERINTENDANTS.
Brassfields,	35	5	N. E. Cannady.
Greenwood, S. S.	60	10	A. S. Gill.
Flat Rock,	60	8	Robert Hicks,
Forestville,	20	5	Rev. S. J. Ivey.
Franklinton,	20	5	A. D. Ellis.
Mt. Vernon,	40	6	D. Justice.
New Hope,	40	8	Sherwood White.
Raleigh,	180	31	W. J. Palmer.
Wake Forest,	27	6	J. M. Brewer.
Woodland S. S.	45	5	
	527	89	

While the interest in the cause of Sunday Schools has greatly increased, we feel that much more might be done, and fear that many of our brethren and sisters are not doing their duty in this particular. They do not seem to be fully awake to the importance of the work. We would call upon all to lend their aid in this good work. In most schools there is a great need of teachers to supply the places of those who are in the army, and those who are otherwise prevented from discharging their duties as teachers. Surely those who remain at home ought to be willing to take their places and thus aid in the moral and religious instruction of the rising generation. We would especially urge upon the ladies the importance of engaging in this work. We would suggest to the churches the importance of appointing special meetings in behalf of Sunday Schools, at such times as the Committee may be enabled to meet them. We are glad to hear that the Sunday School cause is prospering in all sections of the country, and we hope that during the coming year there will be a greatly increased interest within the bounds of this Association.

The Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the several churches within the bounds of this Association be requested to include in their annual letters a statement showing the number of scholars and teachers attending Sabbath School—the number of books in library—the name of Superintendants, and such other facts as may be of interest in relation to Sabbath Schools."

The Committee would also recommend that a collection be taken up at suitable times to aid in the publication of books, &c., for Sabbath Schools.

Respectfully submitted.

W. J. PALMER,
A. F. PUREFOY,
S. D. BEVES.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

1863.	October, 1863.
Received of the Finance Committee,	$69 00
Balance on hand	52 80
	$121 80
Paid for the Minutes,	$140 00
Paid Clerk,	10 00
Deficiency,	$28 20

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board of the Central Baptist Association beg leave to submit their annual report, showing the amount contributed during the year:

FRANKLINTON.

Amount for Recorder,	$ 25 00	
" " Army Colportage,	150 00	
" " Convention,	375 00	
" " Minutes,	15 00	$565 00

FLAT ROCK.

Amount brought over			$565 90
" for Colportage,		108 00	
" " Convention,		45 00	
" " Minutes,		45 00	198 00
" (Contributed at Association $1000.)			

WAKE FOREST.

" " Colportage,	470 00	
" " Convention,	570 00	
" " Recorder,	428 00	
" " Minutes,	20 00	1,488 00

FORESTVILLE.

" " Colportage,	283 00	
" " Sabbath School,	13 00	
" " Convention,	620 00	
" " Minutes,	25 00	941 00

NEWHOPE.

" " Colportage,	305 20	
" " Convention,	74 75	
" " Minutes,	10 00	389 95

MOUNT VERNON.

" " Colportage,	306 36	
" " Convention,	456 80	
" " Minutes,	25 00	788 16

RALEIGH.

" " Colportage and Recorder,	5500 00	
" " Minute fund,	50 00	5550 00

BRASSFIELDS.

" " Colportage,	503 75	
" " Minutes,	25 00	528 75

Total amount,	$10,449 86
Amount collected for Recorder at Association,	330 00
Amount for Colportage,	2,421 00
	$13,200 86

Amount of cash on hand for Minutes,	$215 00	
" " " " " Convention	389 75	
" " " " " Recorder,	84 00	$688 75

REPORT OF COMMITTEE "ON RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION OF OUR COLORED PEOPLE."

What is our duty to the colored race is now a question of absorbing interest. What reflecting christian among us has not pondered it in his heart! Is it possible for us to avoid it after the striking providences of the past few years! We are *compelled* to attempt its solution. That we have grave responsibilities for their religious instruction, will be admitted by all. They are our poor. "And to the poor," as its peculiar distinction, "is the gospel preached." They are part of our households. And he that "provideth not for his own and especially those of his own house hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel." They are our serving class.

How shall we instruct them? By preaching—preaching especially adapted to them. By Sabbath Schools—catechising and orally instructing them in the Word of Life. And by family training, where with our children, they should be nurtured in the fear of God.

W. M. WINGATE, Ch'mn.
W. ROYALL.
W. T. WALTERS.

DELEGATES TO BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN WARRENTON, N. C., NOV. 2, 1864.

Elder W. T. Walters,
" W. M Wingate,
" W. T. Brooks,
" T. H. Pritchard,
" Wm. Royal,
" J. D. Huf ham,
Brother W. J. Palmer,
" P. A Dunn,
" S. H. Dunn,
" N. E. Cannady,
" S. H. Cannady,
" R, H. Timberlake,
" J. J. Freeman,

Brother Robert Jones,
" Robert Trawick,
" S. D. Beves,
" W. Mitchell,
" Jno. Armstrong,
" Jno. Nichols,
" M. B. Royster,
" A. F. Purefoy,
" D. Justice,
" Peterson Dunn,
" J. H. Bell,
" S. S. Biddle,
" A. M. Lewis.

By Your Humble Servant
Jno. E. Ray

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Baptized.	R. by let	Restored.	Dismissed by letter	Excluded.	Deceased.	White members	Colored.	Total.
			Brookville,	5	4	1	....	2	2	....	....	97
Brassfields,	Elder W. A. Barrett,	N. E. Cannady,	Pacific,	..	8	..	6	5	1	220	124	344
Flat Rock,	" Wm. Royall,	J. K Purefoy,	Forestville,	..	..	..	2	..	..	....	....	52
Forestville,	" W. T. Brooks,	Jno R. Dunn,	Franklinton,	1	..	..	....	1	1	....	....	32
Franklinton,	" W. M. Wingate,	A. D. Ellis,	Forestville,	5	3	2	....	3	..	....	....	198
Mt. Vernon,	" W. T. Brooks,	J. D. Allen,	Dayton,	..	1	..	....	12	..	221	27	248
New Bethel,	" A. D. Blackwood,	W. S. Thompson,	Raleigh,	1	..	..	....	2	..	..	....	158
New Hope,	" A. F. Purefoy,	R. D. Weathers,	Franklinton,	..	2	..	12	..	5	83	75	77
Perry's Chapel,	" W. A. Barrett,	J. P. Griffin,	Raleigh,	37	14	2	12	1	2	..	....	262
Raleigh,	" T. H. Pritchard,	Jno. T. Womble,	Rolesville,	..	1	..	....	2	2	....	....	262
Rolesville,	" Wm. Royall,	Redding Jones,	Eagle Rock,	..	6	1	3	6	3	202	47	249
Wake Cross Roads,	" A. F. Purefoy,	C. W. Scarboro',	Forestville,	1	..	..	....	8	1	....	....	226
Wake Forest,	" W. M. Wingate,	C. Durham,	Franklinton,	7	..	..	1	1	..	66	....	66
Wake Union,	" Wm. Royall,	Jas. A. Winston,	Forestville,					1	1	....	....	135
Woodland,	" A. F. Purefoy,	J. H. Lowry,						1	1	....	..	66
			Totals,	57	39	6	38	43	18	792	273	2210

J. D. Allen, Clk.

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Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
Wm. Brooks, Pastor

PROCEEDINGS.

BRASSFIELD'S CHURCH, GRANVILLE CO.,
THURSDAY, *October 6th*, 1870.

The Association convened pursuant to adjournment at eleven o'clock, A. M.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. T. Brooks from Ephesians iii: 15. "Of whom the whole family in Heaven and earth is named."

Subject: The Family of Christ.

After an intermission for refreshments,

The Association was called to order by Brother N. E. Cannady, the former moderator, and led in prayer by Elder T. H. Pritchard.

The former clerk being absent, J. S. Joyner was elected clerk *pro. tem.*

The list of churches was called, the letters read, delegates enrolled and officers elected to-wit: N. E. Cannady, Moderator; J. S. Joyner, Clerk and S. H. Dunn, Treasurer.

Corresponding messengers and visiting brethren were invited to seats, and the invitation was responded to by Elder J. P. Montague. B. F. Hester and Elijah Winston from the Flat River Association, and Bro. Robert Strayhorn from the Mt. Zion Association.

The following committee were then appointed:

On Religious Exercises.—The Pastor and Deacons of Brassfields Church.

On Finance.—J. C. Lee, W. H. Williams and B. B. Buffaloe.

On State Missions.—T. H. Pritchard.

On Education.—W. T. Brooks.

On Foreign Missions.—C. Durham.

On Periodicals.—J. S. Purefoy.

On the Religious Condition of the Churches.—W. T. Walters, J. B. Lassiter and Wesley Stell.

On Sabbath Schools.—J. H. Mills, J. P. Griffin and J. S. Bailey.

To select place of next session.—Isaac Winston, Robert Traywick and Wesley Stell.

To Preachers for next Association.—B. C. Williams, J. P. Griffin and Isaac Winston.

Elder J. S. Purefoy moved that a committee of two be appointed on the time of holding the next session. Motion lost.

Elder Thos. H. Pritchard announced the openiug of the Raleigh Baptist Female Seminary, under very favorable auspices, and advocated the claims of that institution to the patronage of the denomination in some appropriate remarhs.

The moderator announced the time of meeting each day as follows: Morning session meet at 9½ A. M. Adjourn at 12½. Evening session meet at 1½ P. M. Adjourn 4 P. M.

Adjourned, after prayer by Elder Purefoy.

FRIDAY, *October 7th*, 1870.

After devotional exercises conducted by Elder James P. Montague, the Association was called to order by the moderator, and opened with prayer by Elder W. A. Atkinson.

New Bethel and Forestville churches were reported by letters and delegates.

Brethren E. C. Montague and Samuel Hicks were reported as corresponding messengers from the Flat River Association.

Brother C. Winston read the Report of the Committee on Temperance. Remarks were made by Elders Pritchard and Purefoy and the report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report that they have had the subject under serious consideration, and think intemperance an evil with but few equals, if we consider its direful effects morally, socially or intellectually—it is one of great importance to every considerate and thinking individual.

Resolved, Therefore that this Association recommend to the churches within its bounds, the disuse of ardent spirits in every respect, either making, buying, selling or using the same as a beverage by their members. And that the only safe-guard for any against intemperance, is to taste not, touch not, nor to have any thing whatever to do with ardent spirits.

C. WINSTON.

Elder J. S. Purefoy read the Report of the Committee on Periodicals. Remarks were made by Elders Pritchard, Purefoy and Walters and the report adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Religious periodicals fill a very important places in every family that has them, and no family should be without one or more. They form a cheap and yet most useful literature for parents and children. There is a remarkable difference in the general religious intelligence of those families who read religious periodicals and those who do not.

We recommend the *Biblical Recorder*, published in Raleigh by J. H. Mills, as being a periodical fully worthy of the patronage of the members and churches of this Association. It gives much of the general news of the day—excellent articles on agriculture, and much of religious teaching and intelligence that is almost indispensable to the prosperity of the churches.

We also recommended *Kind Words*, *The Child's Delight*, organ of the Southern Baptist Convention, and *Baptist Teacher*, good Sunday school papers.

We recommend also the *Home and Foreign Journal*, the organ of the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond as the best source of missionary about which all should be informed.

JAMES S. PUREFOY, *Chairman.*

Elder T. H. Pritchard read the Report of the Committee on State Missions. The subject was discussed by Elders Pritchard and Walters and the report adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of State Missions beg leave to report the following:

The great commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," was given not to the immediate followers of Christ alone but to all Christians, and is binding to the end of time. That gospel, however, which was to be preached among the nations was to begin at Jerusalem. It has been well said that man's duties lie around him in concentric circles; those nearest are first and most imperative. To the heathen we owe the gospel, beyond all question, but the obligation resting upon us to see to it that the people of our own land enjoy the blessings of salvation is sacred and paramount.

That there is great spiritual destitution in North Carolina, is a lamentable fact, but one which our people do not seem to appreciate. In many of our towns and villages, especially along the line of general travel, we either have no churches at all, or else those which do exist are too feeble to exert much influence over the communities in which they are located, while in other sections of country of wide extent, no Baptist churches are found, either in town or country.

Now to supply these destitute regions with the blessings of the gospel, to build up and render self-sustaining, feeble churches, were the very objects for which our district associations and the State Convention were organized, and if our entire Baptist Zion were thoroughly enlisted in this stupendous enterprise, if we were so well organized that every association and every church would heartily co-operate in this good work we might hope soon to see the waste places made glad and the wilderness blossoming as the rose.

The seventy-eight thousand Baptists of North Carolina are a giant asleep. Our endeavor and achievement are disgracefully disproportioned to the extent of our ability. The want of faithfulness on the part of the ministry in not training the churches to habits of systematic beneficence; the want of harmony in our operations, and thorough organization in our operations, are the causes which rob us of our strength and prevent us from accomplishing a mighty work for the glory of the Master and the good of our fellow-men.

The man or men, who, under God, shall succeed in reducing to hearty and vigorous co-operation, the energies of the Bap-

tist hosts of the State will merit to be held in grateful and perpetual remembrance by all of our people.

Were the funds in hand, the State Mission Board would rejoice to put a hundred men at work in important fields in this State. The harvest truly is plenteoas; but alas! the laborers are lamentably few whom we have been able to employ.

We have had no paid agent in the field during the past year. The work of such an officer, having been performed, as far as was consistent with other duties, by the chairman of the Board. Three evangelists, Rev. H. Hatcher, Rev. E. Allison and Rev. W. L. Fitcher have been at work under the direction of the Board and the Lord has been pleased to bless their efforts with gratifying success. In conclusion, your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That the exigency of the times and the peculiar wants of our State demand that we shall have more ministers and better ministers.

Resolved, 2d. That inasmuch as God alone can call and qualify good ministers of the New Testament, we do earnestly urge the churches to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into his harvest.

Resolved, 3d. That we regard it as the imperative duty of every Baptist in North Carolina, to promote, by every means in his power, the thorough organization of our denomination, and

Resolved, 4th. That for the attainment of this coveted end, we do earnestly commend to all our pastors and churches the adoption of some plan of systematic beneficence by which every member of each church shall be induced to give to the Lord that the means may be supplied for the faithful preaching of the gospel in every part of our beloved commonwealth.

T. H. PRITCHARD, *Chairman.*

The committee to select ministers to preach the stated sermons at the next session of the Association teported as follows: To preach the introductory sermon, Elder J. L. Carroll; Alternate, Elder J. S. Purefoy. To preach the missionary sermon, T. H. Pritchard; Alternate, Elder W. T. Walters.

The Association then adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Elder J. S. Purefoy moved to alter the constitution in order to change the time of holding the Association from Thursday before the second Sabbath in October to Tuesday before the

fourth Sabbath in September. The subject was discussed by Elders Purefoy, Walters, Brooks and Pritchard and the motion was adopted.

The committee on place of holding the next session of the Association, reported in favor of holding it at New Bethel in Wake County. The report was adopted.

The Association adjourned after prayer by Eld. C. Durham.

SATURDAY, *October 8th*, 1870.

The Asseciation convened at the usual hour and was opened with prayer by Elder W. A. Barrett.

Elder W. A. Barrett from the Tar River Association and Brother Willie Patterson from Mt. Zion Association were reported as corresponding messengers.

Elder W. T. Walters reported as having attended the Tar River Association as corresponding messenger and Elder Wingate reported as having attended the Chowan Association.

Corresponding messengers to other associations were appointed as follows:

To Raleigh Association.—I. Winston, W. T. Walters and J. B. Lassiter.

Flat Rock Association.—J. Y. Moss, Henry Haley and W. J. Champion.

Beulah Association.—W. T. Walters, W. T. Brooks and W. M. Wingate.

Eastern Association.—J. H. Mills, J. L. Carroll and W. B. Royall.

Chowan Association.—W. T. Brooks; W. T. Walters and W. M. Wingate.

Mt. Zion Association.—C. G. Strayhorn, W. B. Royall, T. H. Pritchard and B. W. Justice.

Tar River Association.—J. S. Joyner, C. Winston and Wm. Wormouth.

On motion, any member of this Association who may visit any other Association in correspondence with this is requested to act as corresponding messenger.

Elder Brooks read the Report on Education. Remarks were made by Elders Brooks, Wingate, Walters, Barrett and Brother J. P. Griffin and the report adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Education Board had under its direction, during the last Associational year, eleven beneficiaries. Three of this number completed their course of study last June. Several others took a partial course, and will not return to College.

The Board, at its last meeting, just before the close of the session, agreed to sustain six for the present term. Only four, however, have, *as* yet, returned. Other applications have been made, but the Board did not feel justified in receiving any others owing to the indebtedness incurred for board of past sessions.

It will be seen, by reference to the Report on State Missions, that there is a lamentable destitution in our own State, and that *one hundred* ministers could be successfully employed in cultivating the fields, already white for the harvest, provided the means could be raised to sustain them

The Foreign Mission Board are calling for men for the foreign field. Let suitable men be found, who will go for us and the means, to sustain them, can be secured. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers few." How *earnestly* should the Church pray for an increase of faithful ministers.

The present number, now under the patronage of the Board, shows that we are retrograding rather than advancing in the department of Ministerial Education. We are losing the time in which it is most propitious we should work. The demand is upon us. Shall we educate the young men, "called of God to preach the gospel and approved by their churches," or shall we abandon the beneficiary system?

W. T. BROOKS, *Chairman.*

Elder Durham read the Report on Foreign Missions and addressed the Association on that subject.

The Association then took a recess for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The report of the Finance Committee was read, the report adopted and the Committee discharged.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Showing the amount of Contributions to the various objects of Chrtstian Benevolence.

CHURCHES.	Sunday Schools.	Pastor's Salary.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Gen'l Benevolence.	Incidental Expenses	Church Buildings.	Associational Fund.
Brassfields,..	.....	100 00	14 20	10 84	21 14	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Greenwood Branch of Brassfields,	.....	.....	.....	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Flat Rock,..	.....	194 40	12 00	8 20	4 25	.....	5 17	.....	3 30
Forestville,..	.....	200 00	12 50	12 50	27 50	.....	116 07	.....	2 00
Franklintun,.	.....	200 00	10 00	9 66	7 00	.....	.....	.....	1 20
Mt. Vernon,.	.....	200 00	2 75	2 55	16 70	.....	4 55	.....	4 02
New Bethel,.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
New Hope,..	.....	.....	12 35	10 25	8 50	.....	53 00	.....	5 25
Perry'sCh'p'l,	3 50	.....	7 53	.....	.....	.....	24 07	.....	1 75
Raleigh, ...	.....	200000	125 00	100 00	175 00	262 00	1,099 35	1,318 00	5 00
Rolesville,...	.....	125 00	3 75	10 00	75	.....	2 00	.....	5 00
Wake Cross Roads	1 25	.....	5 00	10 50	8 00	.....	8 00	.....	5 00
Wake Forest,	20 00	.....	48 00	100 59	55 75	.....	.....	45 50	2 50
Wake Union,	.....	130 00	8 00	9 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 50
Woodland...	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00

J. C. LEE,
W. H. WILLIAMS, } *Com.*
B. B. BUFFALOE,

The Report of the Treasurer was read and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand from last year,... ..... $19 00
" Received of Finance Committee,..... 75 00

Total,..... .... $91 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to State Missions,..... $12 00
" " Foreign Missions,..... 17 00
" " Education,..... 12 00
" " Clerk for Services,..... 10 00
" for Printtng Minutes..... 40 00

Total,..... ..... $91 00

S. H. DUNN, *Treasurer.*

The consideration of the Report on Foreign Missions was then resumed. The clerk read a letter from Dr. Taylor, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, and remarks were made by Elders Walters and Wingate. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our missionaries in the foreign field have been quite successful during the past year. Those in China, the field in which we should feel the greater interest, has been blest with much success. They have of often troubled the baptismal waters. And notwithstanding God has laid his hand of affliction on Brother Hartwell in the removal of his wife from this to the spirit land, and on Brother Yates by the loss of his voice, so that he has been unable to preach during part of the past year, yet they feel that the Lord has been gracious and that he will overrule all things for his own glory. Brother Yates has now recovered, and we hope soon to meet him again in the flesh. Elder Philips expects to resume his labors in Africa in this month. Elder Graves is to labor with the Chinese in California. The Board has sent Elder Cote to France and now proposes to send missionaries among the Irish and Germans, if the Southern Baptist will come up to the help of the Lord.

Your committee are gratified to state that the Board is now out of debt, and our future prospects are brightening. And after a resrospect of our foreign missionary work from the days of Carey to the present, we think that we have every encouragement to prosecute this work with greater diligence.

The question with us at the present day, especially, in the Central Association, is not, will the heathen be saved without the gospel? Is it our duty to send the gospel? Will God bless our efforts in this direction? Nor again, can young men be found who will preach the glad tidings to these benighted nations? All these questions except the last, we suppose, are settled in every mind, and there wonld be no difficulty as respects the last, if our Board had the money.

Our much beloved young brother R. S. Prichard has just determined to go to China. Other young men in our own State are now looking at this great work, and will go and spend and be spent in the foreign field if our churches will rally to their support.

Then the question before us now is. How shall we unite and interest the seventy-eight thousand Baptist in this State, in this greatly neglected work. Let us pray for greater success and increase our contributions to this object.

C. DURHAM, *Chairman.*

The Committee on the Religious Condition of the Churches was excused from making a report.

J. H. Mills read the Report on Sabbath Schools. Report adopted and the Committee discharged.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Under a former dispensation, "the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding," "and gave the sense and caused them to understand the reading." "And the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law."

Under the Christian dispensation it is the duty of Christians not only to meet and "search the Scriptures," but also to "suffer little children to come unto" them for instruction in righteousness. In some of the churches composing this body, this department of Christian labor is conducted with zeal and efficieucy.

Rolesville reports two Sunday schools with an attendance of ninety-four. Wake Cross Roads reports eighty-three. Mt. Vernon reports one hundred and forty three in two schools. Franklinton reports thirty-six. Forestville reports sixty. Wake Forest reports one hundred and two. Perry's Chapel reports fifty-four. Flat Rock reports four Sunday schools with an estimated attendance of one hundred and twenty-five. New Bethel reports thirty. Brassfields reports twenty. Raleigh reports four hundred. The letters of other churches do not allude to the subject. It therefore appears that twelve hundred and sixty-seven persons are in attendance on Sunday schools in this Association. But this number is little more than half the membership of the churches while the number attending Sunday schools should exceed the membership.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. MILLS,
J. P. GRIFFIN.

Delegates were appointed to the State Convention, as follows: S. H. Cannady, J. P. Griffin, B. C. Williams, W. A. Barrett, S. E. Dement, L. W. Dent, J. B. Lassiter, W. O. Allen, C. Winston and W. G. Allen.

A resolution was passed, requesting the Church with which the Association meets next year to prepare a stand for preaching, in order to have preaching each day at eleven o'clock.

A resolution of thanks to the brethren of this Church and

citizens of this vicinity for generous hospitality was unanimously passed.

The secretary was instructed to have five hundred copies of the Minutes printed, and distributed to the churches in proportion to the amount paid by each for that purpose, and was allowed ten dollars for his services.

The Association then adjourned. Closing services by Eld. W. M. Wingate

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SUNDAY, *October 9th*, 1870.

A Sunday School Mass Meeting was held at 9½ o'clock. Addresses were delivered by Elders W. B. Royall, Fitcher and J. H. Mills.

The Annual Missionary Sermon was preached, at eleven o'clock, by Elder W. M. Wingate from Mark xvi: 15. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Intermission for refreshments.

At two o'clock, P. M., Elder W. T. Walters preached from John xv: 14. "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you."

The parting hymn was sung, and the benedication pronounced.

N. E. CANNADY, *Moderator.*

J. S. JOYNER, *Secretary.*

A TABLE

Showing the Pastors, Clerks and their Post Offices, and Time of Meeting.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	P. O. OF PASTORS.	CLERKS.	P. O. OF CLERKS.	TIME OF MEETING.
Brassfields,	W. A. Barrett,	Franklinton,	N. E. Cannady,	Wilton,	Third Sabbath and Saturday before.
Greenwood,	A. F. Purefoy,	Forestville,	A. L. Davis,	Forestville,	
Flat Rock,	Wm. Royall,	Raleigh,	J. K. Purefoy,	Pacific,	Second Sabbath and Saturday before.
Forestville,	W. T. Brooks,	Forestville,	John R. Dunn,	Forestville,	" " " " "
Franklinton,	W. M. Wingate,	Forestville,	A. D. Ellis,	Franklinton,	" " " " "
Mt. Vernon,	W. T. Brooks,	Forestville,	John D. Allen,	Forestville,	Third " " " "
New Bethel,	A. D. Blackwood,		W. S. Thompson,	Dayton,	
New Hope,	A. F. Purefoy,	Forestville,	R. D. Weathers,	Raleigh,	Second Sabbath and Saturday before.
Perry's Chapel,	W. A. Barrett,	Franklinton,	J. P. Griffin,	Franklinton,	" " " " "
Raleigh,	T. H. Pritchard,	Raleigh,	John T. Womble,	Raleigh,	
Rolesville,	Wm. Royall,	Raleigh,	Redding Jones,	Rolesville,	Third Sabbath and Saturday before.
Wake Cross Roads,	A. F. Purefoy,	Forestville,	W. H. Pace,	Eagle Rock,	Fourth " " " "
Wake Forest,	W. M. Wingate,	Forestville,	C. Durham.	Forestville,	Wednesday before third Sunday.
Wake Union,	J. L. Carroll,	Forestville,	James A. Winston,	Franklinton,	First Sabbath and Saturday before.
Woodland,			J. H. Lowry,	Forestville,	

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dism'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	White Members.	Colored Members	Total.
Brassfields,	T. B. Allen, S. E. Dement, J. D. Moss.	5			6		1	95		95
Greenwood,	J. R. Jones, J. S. Bailey. [rison.*	6	1		1	2		38	6	44
Flat Rock,	T. J. Crocker,* R. D. Harper,* R. A. Hicks,* L. R. Crocker,* P. M. Har-	29	9	1	18	6	3	231	149	370
Forestville,	J. W. Fort,* F. M. Purefoy,* A. C. Green, S. M. Dunn,* W. B. Dunn.*	18	2	1		1		64		64
Franklinton,	W. H. Williams, J. S. Joyner, B. C. Williams, W. H. Mitchell, C. Winston	11	2					39	1	40
Mt. Vernon,	J. B. Lassiter, J. D. Allen, W. G. Allen, J. F. Bailey, R. N. Wynne.			1		4		134	57	191
New Bethel,	D. Peed,* J. W. Atkinson,* J. T. Rogers, I. J. Brogden,* W. S. Thompson.*	3			4	4	4	209	28	237
New Hope,	R. Traywick, B. B. Buffaloe, R. D. Weathers,* M. W. Buffaloe,* R. J. Buffaloe.*	43	1	1		5	3	190	82	272
Perry's Chapel,	J. P. Griffin, O. G. Dickens, J. H. Wilder,* R. E. Gill, Wm. Wormouth.	8			2			54	29	83
Raleigh,	T. H. Pritchard, B. W. Justice,* P. F. Pescud,* J. C. Connover,* J. Arm-	10	13	2	11	6	4	275		275
Rolesville,	J. J. Barrow,* J. C. Lee,* L. B. Rogers,* N. R. Watkins, W. R. Stell. [strong.*	5		1		2	1	200		200
Wake Cross Roads,	Wesley Stell, H. H. Stell,* Geo. L. Peebles,* G. Kelly, J. D. Peebles.*	14		3	4	3		168	10	178
Wake Forest,	L. R. Mills,* J. C. Scarborough,* J. M. Brewer,* A. D. Green, C. Durham.	8	10				1	76		76
Wake Union,	Isaac Winston, L. W. Dent, J. A. Winston, G. M. Allen,* B. H. Winston.*		1		5			83	46	129
Woodland,	T. Lowry, John C. Little, Geo. W. Smith, B. H. Davis, James Smith.	10			1	1		77		77

*Absent.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until the successor is chosen. In case of the absence of the Moderator, a Moderator *pro. tem.*, shall be chosen by the Association.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises to be conducted by such person as the Moderator may designate.

3. At each daily tession, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous session be read before entering on the regular business of tne day.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.

5. Any member, wishing to speak, shall arise and address the Moderator.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject, without permission from the Association.

7. All motions which are seconded, shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discuss on.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be considered, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely—which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a re-consideration.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. The Association shall have the right to determine what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.

13. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without the permission of the Moderator.

14. These Rules of Order may be amended or altered at any session of the Association by a majority.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be denominated and known as the CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ARTICLE III. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it—each Church being entitled to five delegates. Ministers who are members of churches connected with this body shall be considered members of this Association, *ex-officio*.

ARTICLE IV. The delegates from each Church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an account of the condition of the Church, and a ssatement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ARTICLE V. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, which shall be chosen annually, by ballot, a plurality of votes constituting an election in each case, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE VI. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his apinion concerning any subject under discussion after others have spoken, or when called upon, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ARTICLE VII. It shall the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches.

ARTICLE VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the sessions of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make, to the Association, an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ARTICLE IX. The Association may annually appoint an Executive Board of five members which shall have the Superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage, and such other objects as may be entrusted to them by the Association. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for